# FROM STORE IN CITY TO POULTRY FARMING

After Life of Confinement a Middle Aged Man

Starts Anew.

BEGINS LIKE OLD HAND

Flock of Hens Are Comfortably Housed With Prospects of Success.

By Dr. N. W. SANBORN.

over the border of a neighboring State lives my friend John Blank is because of our both being interested in poultry that I learned to know this man. Mr. Blank did not always wear a jumper and overalls, the uniform of working poultryman, but was be-t the counter of a city store until the years ago. He is now 50 years of three years ago. He is now 50 years of age and until three years ago was a part of the bustle of a small city of 60,000 folk. John Blank has now established himself as a poultry farmer and is doing such good work that I want to share with you the simple facts in the case.

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Back in his boyhood his home was or the edge of a town. There was a large house lot that gave room for a garden and a few hens. He did not enjoy hoeing es, weeding beets or feeding poul-He could not escape doing some of chores, in which every member these chores, in which every member of the family had his part to perform. What he did he did well. When he graduated from the high school he went to the city, began work in a small store that later developed into a department store and remained there till three years ago. He grew up with the business, reaching the salary limit when 30 years of age, married and had a family. There other with wire netting and from the surplus Milk Supply New Leed as Many Birds From England and Cal

suitable for the purpose in view, but near hold his position for a year or two, thus ter were carted into the barn. Most of it would be useful to help out for scratchinsuring a certain income until the oracline was established. It seemed to Mr Blank that with the new interests to work out and a change in manner of liv ing his health might improve, or at least not be cut off at the start. With four nairs of hands besides his own it looked though the start might be made in this

Much spare time during the summe was spent in trips to the country within a circle of twelve miles of his store. There most of them were beyond his means. At last he accidentally found his farm Talking over matters with a friend on the trolley one Saturday evening he was over a woman, and it led to his caking over her place. She was breaking up, going south for the winter and wanted to get it off her hands. She did not need money, but had supposed would have to hire help to care for the little farm during her absence. They on came to terms. To be brief, he paid to down, agreed to pay \$100 at the end of the first year, \$200 at the end third and every succeeding year till Interest and principal were met. The price of the farm was \$2,100. Under this agreement neither party could be badly

pff in case of failure.

The farm was small—twenty-two acres between two moderate sized wood lots belonging to other folks, on a fairly good country road, a third of a mile from trolley, steam cars, churches and stores. The village was seven miles from his store in the city. Seven minutes walk to the electric car line, thirty-five minutes on the car took him to his received. on the car, took him to his work. It was to breakfast early and sup late in order try out the new plan of living, but was willing to make any saorifice which would aid in making a success of the venture.
October 1 found them in the country

ome. The cottage house was small but comfortable—seven good rooms, with a back woodhouse that became the work shop. There was running spring water in the kitchen, a wide fireplace in the low living room and a small wood furnace that warmed the lower rooms. The only farm building of value was the barn, 36 by 48 feet. This was in fair condition, 36 by 48 feet. This was in fair condition, with tight roof, empty of crops, excepting a bay with perhaps three tons of hay. There was a tumbledown henhouse that was put into kindling wood for the kitchen

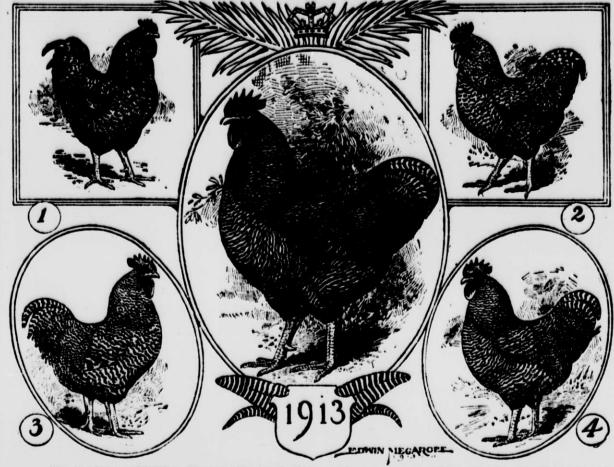
The farm is on high ground, a hundred feet higher than the village, and from the use one has a beautiful view across the valley that lies between. There /are twelve acres of cleared land, in grass. twelve acres of cleared land, in grass, or chard and pasture. Ten acres in wood that will continuously supply firewood and furnish some lumber in five to ten years. The farming land lies next the village. Coming from the trolley, you pass the grass land, pass the land in crops and come to the house. Within fifty feet of the house begins the pasture, and beyond that is the woods. The frontage is not far from 1,200 feet and the farm extends back against the woodland of other farms. Protected on the north and west from the winds it is almost ideal for poultry gaining.

raising.

Sofore the family was fairly settled in W. Richest Some the matter of housing the winter A. J. Tayers was worked out. The big barn knowledge feet of south exposure try.

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OLD AND MODERN TYPES OF PLYMOUTH ROCK



The modern exhibition Barred Plymouth Rock possesses feather being finely and regularly barred from tip to base. This perfection of marking has been accured only through years of careful breeding, and is a monument to the skill of the poultry fanciers of

was a few years when he put into the bank a hundred dollars or so; but sickness and trouble came—as it comes to all of us—and at 45 years of age he found his assets to be as follows: A were cut for glass and cloth sashes. Near the bottom of the pens small doorous to all of us—and at 45 years, daughters of 14 and 16, a moderate amount of furniture, \$1,200 in the bank, store pay of \$21 a week.

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was dry, dead, unfit for food for horse or cow. Three good loads of this corn liting material when the leaves were gonsome of the best of the corn fodder was tied into bundles and put into each pen for the pullets to pick at. While there is not much food in this dry fodder, it has the place of "filling," just as the dairyman feeds meadow hay to his highly Back through the woods, on the other

road, was found a farmer who would sell load of soft cabbage and small turnipa for a dollar, and was willing to deliver for a half dollar additional. The turnips, tops and roots were fed out to the laytops and roots were fed out to the lay-ing stock through October and November and the cabbage stored in a cold but snug corner of the barn. Mangolds, sometimes called cattle beets, while most designable could be the control of the desirable, could not be found at a satisfactory price. The various grains for poultry feeding

The various grains for pounty receing were purchased from an enterprising dealer in the village, who had to meet the competition of the city. He delivered grain at the farm without extra charge, which removed from our friend the necessity of investing in and maintaining a horse, and saved his time as well. The Blanks were now nicely settled, with a good flock of pullets comfortably

housed and everything in shape for their first winter in the country. Next week we will state the methods by which they made a success of their new business

## WINNING HEN BREAKS RECORD.

Starra Contest Ends With Honors Going to English Leghorns.

The second laying contest at Storrs Jonn., came to a close last Friday night established a world's record for continuous laying. This is an English Leghorn owned by Tom Brown which laid 282 eggs in 365 days, or one better than the White Rock, Lady Showyou, laid last year in the contest at Mountain Grove, Mo. The total for the winning pen was 1,190 eggs, the honors going to England. The second highest pen was also an English one, owned by Ed Cam, with a total of 1,107 eggs laid. The third highest was an American pen of Leghorns, owned by W. L. Sleager, with a total of 1,029 eggs. But the fourth place went to England with a pen of White Wyandottes with a total of 1,009 eggs.

The White Leghorns have again demonstrated their superiority as veritable egg machines, taking the first three places and being way shead of all other varieties. Mo. The total for the winning per

being way shead of all other varieties. The hundred pens laid a grand total of The hundred pens laid a grand total of 77,916 eggs during the year. Seventy pens laid over 900 eggs for each pen of five birds and the total average production for 500 layers was 156 eggs, beating last year's record by two and a third

Allentown Managers Ambitions. ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 8.—The members of the Allentown Poultry Association are busy these days arranging for the annual show on December 2 to 6. The desire nual show on December 2 to 6. The desire is to make this show compare favorably with any in the country. More than \$500 in cash prizes will be offered. Charles W. Rick will superintend the show and A. J. Braum of Syracuse and Mrs. J. D. Koons of Treichlers will judge the poultry. The pigeon judge will be selected later.

Surplus Milk Supply Now Used as Many Birds From England and Calt-

especially valuable food for poultry. each hundred pounds of skim milk ther are from two to three pounds of albu-men, and this is being marketed in the dry form, in a granular condition, and is being very widely sold in the principal egg producing sections, notably in the West, and especially in Petaluma, Cal. egg producing section in the United States.
This albumen is produced to the extent shippable in ordinary cotton bags in barrels and is used by a great many poultry people to replace meat scraps for the protein contained in it, the advantage over the beef scrap being the fact that the albumen is practically absolutely uniform n its content of protein, does not deeriorate with age, as is the case at times with meat scrap. third of an ounce per hen daily is about proper proportion for the best re-

Conn., came to a close last Friday night in the business centre of the town, No-and one of the hens in the winning pen vember 26-29, which includes Thanksvember 26-29, which includes Thanks-giving Day. Cash prizes, silver cups and American Poultry Association ribbons will be awarded in the various poultry and pigeon classes, the premiums in cash ap-proximating those in the big exhibitions. Harry M. Calpenter, vice-president of the Ossining National Bank, a well known other industry." out the country, is president of the Os-sining Fanciers Association, the other officials being Glendon II. Baker, first vice-president: Courtney Brandreth, second vice-president; George W. Chadeayne, treasurer; T. Fred Robbins, secretary. George W. Weed, Fred W. Otte and George A. Tamm will be the judges and John Howe superintendent.

### Curing Hens of Scaly Leg.

A disease that is very frequent among flocks is scaly leg. This is caused by a minute parasite burrowing beneath the minute parasite burrowing beneath the fowl's leg which forms a scaly condition of the leg. This causes much discomfort to the fowl, the appearance and the general health of the fowl. This disease can be readily cured and this time of the year is the best to do it. The most satisfactory cure is as follows: Get five cents worth of napthalene flakes and dissolve in kerosene oil. Dip the fowl's leg in this, being careful not to get any of it on the skin, as it will blister. Do this for a couple of times and you will find that the scales can be easily rubbed off. In a few days repeat, and the legs will be In a few days repeat, and the legs will be smooth and clean. It is also a good plan to paint the roosts with the same mixture. If the napthalene flakes cannot be procured use the common moth balls. Pound them to a fine powder and put in the kero-

and the egg supply, notwithstanding the fact that cows do not lay eggs nor do hens give milk. It is, of course, generally recognized that milk supplies what

was this: To get out into the hearby country, have a large garden, keep a cow and try to make a financial success of poultry keeping. The out of door life had been urged on him by his physician for some that had been on his mind for ten years, the garden was to cut down the cost of living.

During the previous winter Mr. Blank had attended a course of ten poultry lees turned in the local Y. M. C. A., and the various members of the family had shown much interest in his reports of them. On his living room table could often he seen a copy of a farm pager and a poultry journal, which were regularly attified, so the farmi idea was shared by all.

At the home conference it was decided to try to find a place that would be to try to find a place that would be suitable for the purpose in view, but near This average has been exceeded here by birds bred in our State, but under the severe climatic conditions of England, coupled with the effect of a sudden change of climate, the figures must be taken as good, being far ahead of any previous records.

There is also a good pigeon and pet the condition. The judges are as

These facts must convince even the stock classification. The judges are as most skeptical that the poultry industry good as can be had in the country and has a brilliant future before it. The 200 a square deal is assured to all. This is has a brilliant future before it. The 200 a sounce deal is assured to all. This is egg hen per year was a few years ago regarded as a wonder, but when under the strictest Government supervision a hen of six Victorian Leghorn pullets put up an average of 264 eggs each for twelve months the former figures are small in Hodges, secretary, Red Bank, N.J. comparison. That all of our laying stock not capable of reaching these figures am quite prepared to admit. If a flock of hens would return an average of 180 eggs each her year, at the ruling price of 1911 and 1912, that would mean a gross return of 34.25 a bird, which, when the expense of feeding and attention is deducted, would leave a profit of about \$2

growing being the adjuncts. Other cases may be mentioned where poultry farming ag by itself is returning a satisfactory profit. [90] But experience, as well as suitable surroundings, are essential in these cases, and it would be well for the beginner to

A healthy flock usually makes a profitable flock. It pays to do the neces-sary little things that must be done to keep the flock free from colds and parasites during the winter. The best se-lected flock of pedigreed layers cannot shell out the eggs for their owner dur-ing the winter months, when prices are high and eggs spell money, unless the surroundings are such that the flock will keep healthy. The laying house must be free from dampness, or colds and roup will surely develop and curtail the egg production. A little forethought, care and watchfulness will prevent disease in the flock, while carelessness in this respectivily often spoil the result of a season's

### Easton Judges Are Reengaged.

EASTON, Pa., Nov. 8,—The Easton Poultry Association is hard at work on Poultry Association is hard at work of the premium list for the seventh annual poultry exhibit to be held the week begin-ning November 17. The association has engaged W. C. Denny and J. H. Wolsief-fer as judges. Their judging at last year's show was so well thought of that there was a demand for their return this year. The number of prizes and specials to be offered this year far exceed that of last year. Also the number of entries is expected to exceed the 2,000 mark.

### EVOLUTION IN TYPE OF BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK

Half a Century of Careful Breeding Has Produced the Fine Fowl of To-day.

By EDWIN MEGARGEE.

The modern Barred Plymouth Rock, like all of our perfected breeds, is not the result of breeding for a year or two. It dates tack to 13.7, when it was first exhibited by D. A. Upham at a poultry show at Worcester, Mass. In all the years taking attention on the part of a host of breeders, who have developed it to its breeders, who have developed it to its

Previous to the date given a fowl was produced which was called the Plymouth Rock; but of this nothing but the name

remains.

It is generally agreed that the first cross used in laying the foundation of this breed was in de by Joseph Spaulding of Putnam. Conn., who mingled the blood of the Demnique and the Black Cochin, or Black Java. Several different trains agreement the Spaulding the Line. strains appeared, the Spaulding, the Up-ham, the Drake, the Gray, the Putnam and the Gilman, and from the amalgamation of these strains the present day type was finally evolved.

When first introduced this breed was known simply as the Plymouth Rock, but when the various varieties appeared it was necessary to add distinguishing words, as

Barred, White, Buff, &c.

The original Barred Rocks were not par ticularly attractive as judged by modern standard: The barring was coarse and irregular and the hackle, saddle and tail vere much darker than the rest of th plumage. Note figure 1, which gives a fair ide; of the early type.

Later, the barring was to some degree

efined and the shape slightly altered, as i figure 2. The modern type begins to appear in

figure 3, with greatly improved barring and body formation which shows a decided trend toward the present day standard. Such minor details as comb, wattles, and Probably a great many readers are unaware of the fact that there is a pretty direct connection between the milk supply and the egg supply, notwithstanding the fact that cows do not lay eggs nor do hens give milk.

duced 299, 252 and 234 eggs respectively.
This average has been exceeded here by prestige with added business. A new feature of the control o

### RECORD SHORTAGE OF EGGS.

From all indications the shortage of the proper proportion for the best results.

Hence the suggestion as above that the price and supply of eggs depend to some extent on the amount of mike produced. So if we enable the cow to help the head of her work the cost of living may he reduced by increasing the egg supply.

OSSINING'S BIG SHOW.

Liberal Prizes for Poultry Exhibition of the Ossining Panciers Association close on Wednesday, November 12. with Secretary T. Fred Robbins, 175 Spring street, in the village from which the organization takes its name. The show will be ledged with the armory of Mount Pleasant Academy, in the business centre of the town, November 26-29, which includes Thanks; you have the results and the prizes siver cups and the price and suggest that suggest the substitution is deducted, would eave a profit about \$2. co. Now of the organization the kept on an acre, the profit per acre would work out about \$1.000.

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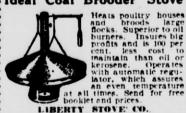
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### BRIEFS FOR POULTRYMEN.

The best winter layers are hens that begin to lay in November and continue during the next three months. Early hatched pullets should be laying in November, and some hens that moited early will help out the beginners.

Pullets that begin to lay late in September or early in October are likely—some of them at least—to molt in January. Many make the mistake of assuming that all pullets beginning to lay early must necessarily molt in January. The conclusion is not borne out by facts.

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